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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 GASKINS E. THOMAS, JR.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 STATE OF WASHINGTON,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-617-BAT

**ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS  
TO RETAIN COUNSEL AND TO  
HAVE COMPLAINT  
“ABERRATED”**

13 Plaintiff Gaskins E. Thomas, proceeding *pro se*, has filed motions to permit retained  
14 counsel to file discovery motions (Dkt. 15) and to have the amended complaint “aberrated” (Dkt.  
15 16). The Court requires further information before it can consider these motions.

16 As to the motion to permit retained counsel to file discovery motions, Plaintiff shall  
17 advise the Court if he has in fact, retained counsel to represent him and if so, whether counsel  
18 has been retained for the limited purpose of assisting Plaintiff with discovery or for the entire  
19 case. If counsel has been retained, counsel is required to file a notice of appearance in this case  
20 before counsel can act on Plaintiff’s behalf. If no counsel appears, Plaintiff remains *pro se* and  
21 will need to file his own motions.

22 As to the motion to “aberate” the amended complaint, Plaintiff must clarify what he  
23 means by “aberate.” The amended complaint was stricken by the Court after Plaintiff stated

1 during court proceedings held on June 2, 2017 that he wanted to withdraw the amended  
2 complaint and proceed on his original complaint. Dkts. 9 and 10.

3 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED:**

4 (1) Plaintiff shall provide the Court with the information described above **by October**  
5 **23, 2017. The Court will take no action on Plaintiff's pending motions (Dkts. 15 and 16)**  
6 **until Plaintiff has provided the requested information.**

7 (2) The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the parties.

8 DATED this 13th day of October, 2017.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
United States Magistrate Judge